

Girl-serving organizations can apply for free STEM Girls in Government Camp; deadline June 14

HELENA --- Montana's Information Technology Managers Council (ITMC) and the Montana Girls STEM Collaborative are seeking a team of girls aged 12 to 18 to participate in the Montana STEM Girls in Government Camp, a free two-day science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) event September 16-17 in Helena. The event is designed to introduce girls to careers and opportunities in the IT world while interacting with professionals from Montana state government.

The girls will learn about information technology use in state government, participate in a panel discussion with women in the field, visit state agencies and the state's data center, work together on a coding exercise, be introduced to IT careers within state government, and interact with guest speakers.

The girls will participate in an ITMC meeting following the event as well as receive future guidance and mentorship by IT professionals.

Girls should apply as a team of up to 15 participants. Special consideration will be given to girls from rural areas or small communities with limited access to IT resources.

Thanks to Montana's ITMC and local sponsors like Montana Interactive (MI), the event is free for participants, including meals and lodging for girls and their chaperones. However, each team must provide its own transportation to and around Helena.

For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2Z6PB6V>. Applications should be submitted by the group leader and are due **June 14, 2019**. For any questions, contact Christie Breland at (406) 444-1566 or Maura Gruber at (406) 444-0573.